

January 27, 2009

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Councilmember Peggy Neely, Phoenix, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO THE JANUARY 28, 2009, REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

An addendum is being added to the January 28, 2009, Regional Council agenda to amend the FY 2009 MAG Work Program and Annual Budget to provide funding for one year to the Arizona Department of Transportation for the Travel Time Information on Dynamic Message Signs Project. Please contact the MAG office if you have questions about the addendum to the agenda.

ITEM PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

TRANSPORTATION ITEM

*5K. Amendment to the FY 2009 Work Program and Annual Budget to Provide Funding for the Travel Time Information on Dynamic Message Signs Project

On January 22, 2008, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) initiated a 12-month Pilot Study to provide travel time information on dynamic message signs for six freeway corridors throughout the MAG region. The Pilot Study included an evaluation component conducted by Kimley-Horn. Preliminary results from the evaluation indicate acceptance by the motoring public to assist them in their daily commute. Due to current state fiscal constraints, ADOT is unable to continue operating the signs this year. ADOT has requested that MAG provide \$250,000 to assist ADOT in operating the system for the coming year. MAG provided similar assistance to ADOT and the Department of Public Safety to initiate the Freeway Service Patrol Program. This program was subsequently operated by the State. It is anticipated that one-year funding for the Travel Time Information on Dynamic Message Signs Project would be provided by using MAG federal Surface Transportation Program funds. The FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget would need to be amended if the funding is approved. The MAG Management Committee recommended approval.

5K. Amend the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to provide \$250,000 of MAG Surface Transportation Improvement Program funds to ADOT for the Travel Time Information on Dynamic Message Signs Project.